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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor

July 1, 2008

The Honorable Ed Schafer
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 10250

Dear Secretary Schafer:

As Governor of the State of Indiana, I hereby request that you declare the following 13 counties major disaster counties because of damage to one or more crops and loss or significant harm to livestock, resulting from severe storms, tornados, torrential rainfall, and flash flooding that began on May 30, 2008. This request is an amendment of the original request dated June 9, 2008.

Martin, Dubois, Clark, Montgomery, Fountain, Hamilton, Putnam, Parke, Knox, Pike, Gibson, Posey, and Washington.

As you are probably aware, President Bush has responded to my request to declare 37 counties Federal Disaster Areas in early June. Since that declaration we have received additional assessments from the county Farm Service Agency offices and the above counties have sustained damage to crops and livestock. In addition, we understand in order for a resident of a declared county to be eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) program the county must have a Secretarial declaration.

I ask your favorable consideration for the above listed 13 Indiana counties and contiguous counties so that they may apply for emergency assistance through the USDA Farm Service Agency.

I appreciate any assistance your office can provide to the affected Indiana farmers and request your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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